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HOUSE BILL NO. 2586

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A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 28.2-1408.2, relating to standards for use of coastal primary sand dunes; exemption.

Patrons—Knight, Bouchard, Iaquinto, Lohr, Mathieson, Purkey and Tata

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 28.2-1408.2 as follows:

§ 28.2-1408.2. Exemptions.

Notwithstanding the requirements of § 28.2-1408 or any other provision of this Code, the Virginia Beach Wetlands Board (Board) shall make an ongoing determination in the Sandbridge Beach Subdivision to determine which structures or properties are in clear and imminent danger from erosion and storm drainage due to severe wave action or storm surge, and the owners of such structures or properties shall not be prohibited from erecting and maintaining protective bulkheads or other equivalent structural improvements of the type, size and configuration as approved by the Board. As used in this section, the "Sandbridge Beach Subdivision" means the area that is bounded on the north by Dam Neck Naval Base, on the west by Sandpiper Road, and on the south by Little Island Park.

The Board shall not impose arbitrary or unreasonable conditions upon its approval of any such bulkhead or other structural improvement. The Board shall maintain a continuing responsibility to ensure that each bulkhead or structural improvement constructed under the authority of this section is maintained in a condition that is safe, structurally sound, and otherwise in conformity with the conditions imposed by the Board.

Upon submission of an application to the Board pursuant to this section, as a requirement for approval, the applicant must consent in writing to any subsequent construction approved by the Board whereby an adjacent property owner desires to tie in a bulkhead at no additional cost with the bulkhead proposed by the applicant. Such consent shall constitute a waiver of property line defenses relating to the bulkhead line.

2. That the provisions of this act shall expire on January 1, 2014.

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